

Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) is being implemented to cater to similar needs of the urban poor.

Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme

330. SHRIM. V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any request has been received by the Central Government from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for resolving issues in the guidelines under IHSDP (Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by Government to implement the guidelines under IHSDP in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has made a request to the Government of India for reallocation of funds from the Sub-Mission on Basic Services to the Urban Poor under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) to the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) seeking modification in the scheme guidelines. AS JNNURM was launched only recently, modification in the guidelines is premature at this stage.

Housing for LIG and EWS

331. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have made any study on the share of LIG and economically weaker sections in the recent growth in Housing sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that in view of the prices of dwellings, the incentives for housing sector are largely benefiting HIG and MIG groups;

(d) whether Government have some schemes to cater to the housing needs of LIG and EWS sections;

(e) if so, the details of its performance;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) how does Government propose to cater to the housing needs of the LIG and EWS sections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARISELJA): (a) to (c) As per the Report of the Working Group of the 11th Five Year Plan, the estimated shortage of Housing as on 2007 is 24.71 million. Out of this, shortage of Low Income Group and Economically Weaker Sections Housing is 2.89 and 21.78 million respectively. Fiscal concessions provided and other schemes of Government are targeted to benefit all sections of society in housing sector.

(d) to (g) The Government has launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) to assist cities and towns for taking up housing and infrastructural facilities at affordable costs for the slum dwellers/urban poor/Economically Weaker Sections/Low Income Group categories in 63 Mission cities in the country under sub-mission, Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP). For non-Missrfon cities for housing and slum upgradation the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) has been launched with the objective to strive for holistic slum development, with a healthy and enabling environment by providing adequate shelter and basic infrastructure facilities to the slum dwellers including the displaced.

Indian women working abroad

332. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian women working in foreign countries, country-wise and since when;

(b) whether Government propose to conduct a study regarding their present condition particularly financial and social; and